

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP
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Application No.: 10/585,946)	Examiner: Stephen J. Cherry
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For: EQUIPMENT DIAGNOSIS DEVICE,)	
REFRIGERATING CYCLE)	
APPARATUS, FLUID CIRCUIT)	
DIAGNOSIS METHOD,)	
EQUIPMENT MONITORING)	
SYSTEM, AND REFRIGERATING)	
CYCLE MONITORING SYSTEM)	

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

The Official Action of June 30, 2008, indicates that the claims in this application are directed to three different Groups, and requires election one of the Groups. As identified in the Official Action, the different Groups are as follows:

Group I, recited in Claims 1-11 and 31, drawn to equipment diagnosis device.

Group II, recited in Claims 12-23 and 33-39, drawn to refrigerating cycle apparatus; and

Group III, recited in Claims 24-30 and 32, drawn to fluid circuit diagnosis.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, recited in Claims 12-23 and 33-39, with traverse. The traversal is on the grounds that the Groups are linked by a single inventive concept, as evidenced by the International Authority's finding that the Groups do not lack unity of invention.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicants regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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